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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6033

BILL NUMBER:HB 1008

NOTE PREPARED: Oct 17, 2012

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Redistricting Commission.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Torr

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: *Redistricting Commission*- The bill establishes the Redistricting Commission (RC) to create, hold hearings on, take public comment about, and recommend plans to redraw General Assembly districts and congressional districts.

Commission Staff and Administrative Services- The bill requires the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) to provide staff and administrative services to the RC. The bill establishes standards to govern the RC and the LSA in the creation of redistricting plans.

General Assembly Action- The bill provides that if the Constitution of the State of Indiana does not require the General Assembly to establish legislative districts, the RC's recommendations for legislative and congressional districts become the plans that define those districts. The bill provides that, if the Constitution so requires, the General Assembly must meet and enact redistricting plans before October 1 of a redistricting year. The bill authorizes the General Assembly to convene in a session to act on redistricting bills at times other than the times the General Assembly is currently authorized to meet.

Appropriation and Repealer- The bill repeals the current law establishing a redistricting commission for congressional redistricting. The bill appropriates from the state General Fund the amounts necessary to pay the expenses of implementing the statute.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Redistricting Commission*- The proposed RC would have four members

appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House, Senate Minority Leader, and House Minority Leader. A fifth member would be appointed by the RC members, themselves. The fifth member would serve as chair. If a consensus were not reached on the appointment of the fifth member, then the Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court would appoint the fifth member.

RC members would be required, during a redistricting year, to hold at least one public hearing in the northern, southern, and central regions of Indiana. By August 1 of a redistricting year, the RC would adopt and submit a redistricting plan for the consideration of the General Assembly. RC members would be eligible to receive the same per diem and mileage reimbursement for their service as an interim study committee established by the Legislative Council.

Commission Staff and Administration- LSA would staff the RC meetings. LSA would also produce maps, map descriptions, and receive and evaluate publicly submitted maps and comments on the RC's behalf. The LSA would be able to carry out these provisions within the agency's existing level of resources, if the current year were a redistricting year. However, the effect of this provision on LSA expenditures would depend on the agency's budgetary needs in redistricting years for the proposed RC. The next redistricting year will be 2021.

General Assembly Action- In a redistricting year, the General Assembly would meet to consider the RC's redistricting plan recommendation and enact legislation before October 1. Given the dates in the bill for RC action, a special session would likely be required to consider the RC's recommendation. The following table presents a cost estimate for a six-day special session. However, since the bill does not specify the length of a special session, the actual cost would depend on future legislative action.

Estimated Costs for a Six-Day Special Session	
Legislators (150 total)	Six Session Days
Per Diem*	\$82,080
Travel**	\$15,754
Total***	\$97,834
<p>* Effective 10/1/11, legislators receive \$152 per diem for every day in session (including Saturday and Sunday) and \$60.80 per diem for every day not in session. These rates have not changed as of 10/1/2012. The net effect on expenditures is an additional \$91.20 per diem for every day in session.</p> <p>** Legislators are entitled to mileage for one round trip per week while in session.</p> <p>*** The House and Senate would also incur an unknown minor amount of expense for temporary session staff (doorkeepers and other temporary staff).</p>	

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Legislative Services Agency.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: *Indiana House and Senate Journals Index, 2012 Regular Session.*

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